

REMARKS**Summary of Examiner Interview**

Applicants thank Examiner for the Interview held on March 27, 2008, at which Examiner Fleurantin, Attorney David Thibodeau and associate Benjamin Sparrow were in attendance. No agreement was reached regarding the § 103 rejection of claims 1-12, 14-38 and 40-47. However, Examiner indicated that Claims 13 and 39 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Claims 13 and 39 are being amended, and are now in independent form. Acceptance is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 1-12, 14-38 and 40-47 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-12, 14-38 and 40-47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kabra et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,507,834) in view of Tao (U.S. Patent No. 7,191,169). Applicants disagree with this rejection, and reserve the right to submit those claims in a continuation or divisional application. Yet, in order to expedite allowance of the pending claims, Claims 1, 12, 30 and 38 are being cancelled, and Claims 13 and 39 are being rewritten in independent form, which have been indicated to be allowable. Thus, the § 103 rejection of Claims 13 and 39 is believed to be overcome, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-5, 8, 14-18, 20, 22, 24-29, 31-34, 40-43 and 45-47 are being amended to depend from one of Claims 13 and 39. As a result, Claims 2-11, 14-29, 31-37 and 40-47 depend from one of Claims 13 and 39, and so are allowable at least for the reasons that Claims 13 and 39 are indicated to be allowable. Thus, the § 103 rejection of Claims 2-11, 14-29, 31-37 and 40-47 is believed to be traversed; reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently herewith. Entry of the IDS is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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